place of incident was inspected and the victim got medically examined. The accused was also got medically examined on the following day after his arrest.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Compulsory registration of marriages

826. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2214 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12 March, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court recently suggested to enact legislation for compulsory registration of marriages in the country to prevent menace of child marriage; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) No such recent suggestion/decision of the Supreme Court has been brought to our notice.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Prosecution of women for adultery

827. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Justice Malimath Committee on reforming the criminal justice system has recommended that women should be prosecuted for committing adultery;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The Malimath Committee on Reforms of Criminal Justice System in its Report has, *inter alia*, recommended to make section 497 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 which is regarding offence of adultery, as gender neutral.